

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today released the following statement in honor of National Teacher Day, which celebrates the important contributions of teachers in communities across the country:

"Today, I am proud to join students and parents in my district in honoring Orange County teachers. After more than a decade in office, I still believe that education is the foundation of opportunity and the basis of our country's future success. National Teacher Day is a good time to learn about the contributions of our educators and thank them for their efforts.

"But teachers are only as strong as the support they are given – from parents, from administrators, from local communities, and from Congress. Local schools have had to cut hundreds of millions of dollars from their budgets in response to the California budget crisis and national recession. As a result, teachers have been let go, school programs have been cut, and students have suffered.

"In Congress, I will continue to work hard to ensure Orange County schools have the resources they need to prepare our students for a 21st century economy. But parents, business owners, retirees, other workers, local government, and even students need to do more as well. Apples and thank you cards are nice, but a community's active support of its teachers is even better – not only for educators but the rest of us."

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez is proud to represent California's 47th Congressional District, which includes the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and parts of Fullerton in Orange County. She serves as Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee and Chair of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities. Rep. Sanchez is also a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and sits on the bipartisan, bicameral Joint Economic Committee.